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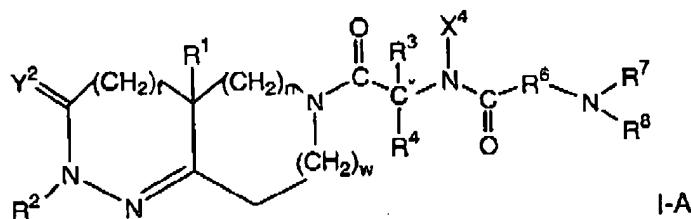
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Please amend claims 1 and 19 as shown below:

IN THE CLAIMS

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1. A method for improving functional health status in a patient with age-related decline in physical performance which comprises administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a growth hormone secretagogue.

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19. A method of claim 18 wherein the growth hormone secretagogue is a compound of Formula I-A



a racemic-diastereomeric mixture or an optical isomer of said compound or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt or a prodrug thereof, or a tautomer thereof, wherein